

4 receiving an incoming call signal along with an inbound
5 address;
6 determining a user account and [a final] an electronic
7 mail address on said packet switched network associated with said
8 inbound address;
9 [allocating a message processing resource;]
10 [processing] converting said incoming [call] audio
11 message into [a processed message] a digital representation of
12 said audio message; and,
13 sending said [processed] digital representation of said
14 audio message to said [final] electronic mail address in an
15 electronic mail message.

1 --2. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said inbound address is a
2 circuit destination address.--

1 --3. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein determining said user
2 account and said electronic mail address associated with said
3 inbound address includes validating said inbound address.--

1 --4. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said audio message is a
2 facsimile message and said digital representation of said audio
3 message is a graphics file.--

1 --5. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein converting said incoming
2 audio message into a digital representation of said audio message
3 includes:

4 determining if said audio message contains a facsimile
5 message or a voice message; and,

6 digitizing said audio message if said audio message contains
7 said voice message and receiving said facsimile message if said
8 audio message contains said facsimile message.--

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1 --6. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising allocating a
2 message processing resource.--

1 --7. (New) A apparatus for accepting an incoming audio message over
2 a circuit switched network and transmitting it over a packet
3 switched network comprising:

4 means for receiving an incoming call signal along with
5 an inbound address;

6 means for determining a user account and an electronic
7 mail address on said packet switched network associated with said
8 inbound address;

9 means for converting said incoming audio message into a
10 digital representation of said audio message; and,

11 means for sending said digital representation of said
12 audio message to said electronic mail address in an electronic
13 mail message.

1 --8. (New) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said inbound address
2 is a circuit destination address.--

1 --9. (New) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said means for
2 determining said user account and said electronic mail address
3 associated with said inbound address includes means for validating
4 said inbound address.--

1 --10. (New) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said audio message is
2 a facsimile message and said digital representation of said audio
3 message is a graphics file.--

1 --11. (New) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein means for converting
2 said incoming audio message into a digital representation of said
3 audio message includes:

4 means for determining if said audio message contains a
5 facsimile message or a voice message; and,

6 means for digitizing said audio message if said audio message
7 contains said voice message and means for receiving said facsimile
8 message if said audio message contains said facsimile message.--

1 --12. (New) The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising means for
2 allocating a message processing resource.--

1 --13 (New) An article for accepting an incoming audio message
2 over a circuit switched network and transmitting it over a packet

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3 switched network comprising a computer readable medium having
4 instructions stored thereon which when executed performs:

5 receipt of an incoming call signal along with an inbound
6 address;

7 determination of a user account and an electronic mail
8 address on said packet switched network associated with said
9 inbound address;

10 conversion of said incoming audio message into a digital
11 representation of said audio message; and,

12 sending said digital representation of said audio
13 message to said electronic mail address in an electronic mail
14 message.

1 --14. (New) The article of claim 13, wherein said inbound address is
2 a circuit destination address.--

1 --15. (New) The article of claim 13, wherein determination of said
2 user account and said electronic mail address associated with said
3 inbound address includes validation of said inbound address.--

1 --16. (New) The article of claim 13, wherein said audio message is a
2 facsimile message and said digital representation of said audio
3 message is a graphics file.--

1 --17. (New) The article of claim 13, wherein conversion of said
2 incoming audio message into a digital representation of said audio
3 message includes: